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TAGS: PFOR, JO, US, MASS, MU  
SUBJECT: TALK WITH KING ON OMAN

REFS: (A) AMMAN 1743 (B) MUSCAT 334

1. HAD A FEW MINUTES TO TALK WITH KING TODAY ABOUT UK MAJOR GENERAL PERKINS' VISIT AND WHAT MIGHT BE DONE NEXT IN REGARD TO OMAN. KING MENTIONED THAT HE WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH PERKINS AND HIS PROFESSIONAL ABILITIES AS A SOLDIER. PERKINS SEEMS TO HAVE SET TO REST MUCH OF THE UNQUIET PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED BY KING ON BRITISH ROLE IN OMAN. KING IS AWARE FROM PERKINS THAT HE LABORS UNDER SOME SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS SET FORTH BY UK AND THAT WITHIN THOSE CONSTRAINTS HE IS PREPARED TO PROSECUTE THE WAR WITH ENERGY. PERKINS ALSO IMPRESSED THE KING WITH A SENSE OF NEED FOR MORE IN THE AREA OF CIVIC ACTION. PERKINS IS PLEASED BY THE DEGREE TO WHICH OMAN IS PREPARED TO FUND MILITARY PROGRAMS AND WILL SEEK SIMILAR COMMITMENT TO FUNDING AND PROSECUTION OF COMPARABLE CIVIL PROGRAMS WHICH, ACCORDING TO KING, HE CONCLUDES HAVE LAGGED.

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2. KING WILL BE VISITING OMAN FOR TWO DAYS PROBABLY BEGINNING TUESDAY, MARCH 25. HE INTENDS TO TALK FURTHER WITH QABOOS ABOUT THE NEED TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH HIS ARMY AND PEOPLE. (I AGAIN ENCOURAGED HIM IN THIS DIRECTION). FURTHER, HE WANTS TO GET A FULL PICTURE OF THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND AND PERKINS HAS PROMISED WITH A WEEK'S PREPARATION THIS CAN BE DONE.

3. KING HAS NOTED VOICE OF PALESTINE BROADCASTS EXAGGERATING JORDANIAN LOSSES IN OMAN. HE SAID THEY HAVE HAD SOME MORE FIRE FIGHTS BUT NO MORE LOSSES. HE HAS PUT OUT THE WORD TO THE ARMY AND PUBLIC OPINION LEADERS EXPLAINING AGAIN WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO SCOTCH RUMORS STILL CIRCULATING AND BUILDING THAT THERE HAVE BEEN INCREDIBLE LOSSES SUFFERED IN OMAN. BOTH EAST BANKERS AND PALESTINIANS HAD BEEN MAKING SOME HAY WITH THESE STORIES.

4. ON MILITARY EQUIPMENT, KING DISCUSSED THIS THOROUGHLY WITH PERKINS. OMAN HAS ALREADY BOUGHT BRITISH 105 MILIMETER GUNS, WILL RE-EXAMINE REQUEST FOR U.S. GRENADE LAUNCHERS AND IS EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN PURCHASING M-16 RIFLES. (WE PRESUME ANY SUCH REQUEST WOULD COME DIRECTLY FROM OMAN TO EMBASSY MUSCAT).

5. PERKINS EXPLAINED THE VERY GREAT DIFFICULTIES WHICH UK HAS HAD IN TRAINING OMANI OFFICERS, MANY OF THE BEST OF WHOM ARE SNATCHED AWAY TO SERVE AT THE PALACE. WE ARE SURE KING WILL RAISE THIS WITH QABOOS. IN ADDITION, JORDANIANS HAVE GIVEN PERKINS BROAD RANGE OF TRAINING SPACES FOR OFFICERS AND MEN WHICH OMAN IS FREE TO USE IN JORDAN. KING STILL REMAINS CONVINCED THAT JORDAN CAN PLAY A VERY USEFUL ROLE IN PILOT TRAINING. ONLY WAY THIS CAN BE BROUGHT ALONG TO POINT WHERE OMANIS CAN FLY HUNTERS IS BY INCREASING NUMBER OF T-37 AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE IN JORDAN. HE REPEATED AGAIN HIS REQUEST FOR A LOAN OF AN ADDITIONAL SIX T-37'S. THIS REQUEST NOT SPECIFICALLY DISCUSSED DURING SECRETARY'S VISIT. AFTER A LOOK HERE  
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AT THE IMPACT ON JORDAN'S ALREADY TIGHTLY STRESSED AIR FORCE TRAINING PROGRAM, WE BELIEVE OMANIS COULD NOT BE GIVEN PILOT TRAINING WITH SOME DIGREDATION IN JORDAN'S ABILITY TO FLY AND MAN U.S. EQUIPMENT WHICH IT INTENDS TO ACQUIRE. WE CANNOT FROM HERE EVALUATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS PROGRAM TO U.S. INTERESTS IN OMAN AND THE GULF WHICH WOULD BE A COUNTERVAILING FACTOR. IN ADDITION, OF COURSE, JORDANIANS WILL BE DISAPPOINTED

IF WE TELL THEM NO ON THIS REQUEST, BUT WE BELIEVE OUR RELATIONSHIP CAN WEATHER THE PROBLEM. ALSO, SINCE ALL BASIC AIR TRAINING HERE IS DONE BY EX-RAF PILOTS NO REASON WHY SUCH COULD NOT BE DONE, PROBABLY AT SOMEWHAT LARGER EXPENSE, IN OMAN. FINALLY, JORDANIANS HAVE ALREADY "BORROWED" SIX T-37'S FROM USAF WITH WE ARE SURE SOME DISRUPTIVE EFFECT AND WE NOT SURE THAT ADDITIONAL DISRUPTION OF OUR OWN AIR FORCE WORTH THE POSSIBLE ADVANTAGES HERE.

6. KING ALSO REPORTED THAT HE HAD TALKED WITH PERKINS ABOUT COUNTER-INFILTRATION TECHNIQUES, INCLUDING USE OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY. PERKINS IS ENTHUSIASTIC, BUT SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO RELY ENTIRELY ON JORDANIANS TO PROVIDE THIS. KING IS PREPARED TO DO SO, BUT SAID HE WOULD NEED SOME U.S. EXPERT ADVICE ON SPECIAL FILMS (INFRA-RED?), INTERPRETATION TECHNIQUES, AND OTHER ASSOCIATED POINTS. IN ADDITION HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SOME EXPERT ADVICE ON GROUND SENSORS AND OTHER TACTICS AND TECHNIQUES FOR CONTROLLING INFILTRATION APPLICABLE BOTH TO JORDAN AND OMAN (SEE AMMAN MAP 0621). HE ASKED THAT WE MAKE A SPECIFIC REQUEST TO WASHINGTON FOR A VISIT BY AN EXPERT OR EXPERTS IN AERIAL AND GROUND-BASED ANTI-INFILTRATION DEVICES, TECHNIQUES AND TACTICS TO LOOK AT THE SITUATION HERE AND ADVISE JORDAN. WE WOULD NOT CONTEMPLATE ANY U.S. EXPERT TRAVEL TO OMAN UNTIL SUCH TIME AS JORDAN HAD FULL CHANCE TO CONSULT WITH U.S. EXPERTS IN AMMAN.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: RESPONSE ON REQUEST FOR LOAN OF T-37 AIRCRAFT AND FOR A VISIT BY U.S. EXPERTS IN ANTI-INFILTRATION QUESTIONS AS OUTLINED ABOVE.  
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